

**EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with John L. Doughty on 3/18/2010, the following changes have been made:

Claim 2, paragraph c, last line, delete "the vehicle's", after "performance", add --of the vehicle --

Claim 25, paragraph c, last line, delete "the first vehicle's", after "performance", add --of the first vehicle --

Claim 31, paragraph c, last line, delete "the vehicle's", after "performance", add --of the vehicle --

Claim 52, paragraph c, last line, delete "the vehicle's", after "performance", add --of the vehicle --

Claim 63, paragraph b, line 10, delete "the set of vehicle's", after "performance", add --of the set of vehicle --

Claim 71, after "reduces", add --emission --

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dalena Tran whose telephone number is 571-272-6968. The examiner can normally be reached on M-W (in a first week of a bi-week), and T-R (in a second week of bi-week) from 7:00AM-6:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Khoi H. Tran can be reached on 571-272-6919. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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